

United States Mint Announces New America the Beautiful Quarters® Program and Native American \$1 Coin Lesson Plans

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Educators Nationwide May Download Plans at www.usmint.gov/kids/teachers/lessonPlans

WASHINGTON — The United States Mint released new lesson plans based on the America the Beautiful Quarters Program and Native American \$1 Coin designs.

The lessons are free for educators looking to use coins in their classrooms, homes, or youth organizations and may be downloaded at www.usmint.gov/kids/teachers/lessonPlans.

In 2010, the United States Mint began to issue 56 quarter-dollar coins featuring designs depicting national parks and other national sites as part of the United States Mint America the Beautiful Quarters Program. 2015 marks the sixth year of the program and features designs from Homestead National Monument of America (Nebraska), Kisatchie National Forest (Louisiana), Blue Ridge Parkway (North Carolina), Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge (Delaware), and Saratoga National Historical Park (New York). There are 10 lessons available that target kindergarten through 12th grades and cover a range of subjects, including social studies, language arts, science, technology, math, and visual art.

Beginning in 2009, the United States Mint began minting and issuing \$1 coins featuring reverse designs celebrating the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the history and development of the United States. The theme for the 2014 Native American \$1 Coin reverse is “Native Hospitality Ensured the Success of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.” Released in January, four lessons target kindergarten through 8th grades and introduce students to this important piece of American history while using the coin for instruction.

“These lessons enable educators to connect students to the rich history and culture of our nation using our very own coins as the entry point,” said Kim Jenkins, education coordinator at the United States Mint. “U.S. coins are special artifacts that carry within them many opportunities to learn about who we are, where we’ve come from, and where we are going. We hope these lessons inspire students and educators alike to know more about the subjects of our nation’s coinage.”

About the United States Mint

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792 and became part of the Department of the Treasury in 1873. It is the Nation’s sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces numismatic products, including proof, uncirculated, and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver and gold bullion coins. The United States Mint’s numismatic programs are self-sustaining and operate at no cost to the taxpayer.

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